

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Nguyen, et al.**

Case: AMAT/8349/MASK/ETEC/ARNOLD

Serial No.: 10/672,420

Filed: September 26, 2003

Examiner: **Kackar, Ram N.**

Group Art Unit: 1763

Confirmation No.: 8442

Title: **INTERFEROMETER ENDPOINT MONITORING DEVICE**

**MAIL Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 12, 2005

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 4, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 4, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782, for any additional fees required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.